

THE COLUMBIA HEIGHTS EDUCATIONAL CAMPUS

LSAT Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2017

Members Present: Percia Williams, Dorothy Douglas, Marianela Castaneda, Phien Patterson, Rose Ngacha, Keishia Thorpe, Sonia Nolasco

CHEC Students: Leslie Flores, Cristian Baruca, Emin Castillo, Shamia Wells

Program Presenter: Maria Tukeva

MCIP Staff: George Moorefield

I. Review of Last LSAT Meeting Minutes

Maria Tukeva opened the meeting and introduced the CHEC total budget of \$15.7M for the school year 2017-2018.

II. Budget Overview

It was mentioned that the School Budget had a decrease from last year, however most of the expenses have increased by at least 10% (i.e. Teachers and Staff salaries).

It was stated that all schools must budget for certain positions - the number of students and the size of the school determines the positions each school's budget is required to have.

Two new positions were introduced; a College and Career Coordinator – dedicated to help students prepare for Colleges and Careers, and a Pathway Coordinator – dedicated to follow up on students who struggle with attendance and/or grades.

III. Data Points to Drive our Decisions

The Team was divided up into small groups to discuss the Comprehensive School Plan provided by Principal Maria Tukeva. Each group was instructed to select one focus area in which major concerns were discussed in groups.

One student explained that Math should be prioritized, most of the time students are on different levels and there is a real need for individualized teacher to student one-on-one time.

Another student noted that reading classes would be a great way to enhance 11th and 12th grade literacy levels. More than engaging students, it would enhance their reading skills and expose them to texts that make their transition to college easier.

SGA members expressed the need for sports equipment, which is needed to ensure students receive safe training. They also pointed out that money should be distributed equally across sports; they feel the Football team is overly prioritized. A teacher also discussed the need to ensure refreshments for athletes during the afternoon.

A parent noted that the Music Department needs more funding. There are a lot of expenses to cover for competitions and not all parent are able to pay for the trips.

One of the group of teachers raised the idea of creating a Business Academy where classes like accounting and finance could be provided. Also there is a need for life-skills classes that prepare students for post high school life.

Other suggestions from the group were:

Forming partnerships with various businesses

Dedicated grammar classes

Special needs programs

IV. Other Business

Members discussed data that shows gaps for ELL and SPED students in achievement in Math & Reading.